

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Michael Downes et al.
Title: NON-STEROIDAL FARNESOID
X RECEPTOR MODULATORS
AND METHODS FOR THE USE
THEREOF
Appl. No.: 10/535,043
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RENEWED

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT

UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.705

Mail Stop Petition
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the patent term adjustment (PTA) determined for the above captioned patent. The USPTO indicated in the communication mailed January 25, 2010, that the decision on Applicants' initial request was dismissed as premature until after the actual patent date. As noted above, the patent has now issued (on March 2, 2010) as U. S. Patent No. 7,671,085.

The Patent Office determined that the patent was entitled to 907 days of PTA. Applicants believe that this PTA determination was made in accordance with the “Explanation of 37 CFR 1.703(f) and of the United States Patent and Trademark Office Interpretation of 35 U.S.C. §154(b)(2)(A)” published at 69 Fed. Reg. 34238 (Jun. 21, 2004). Under that interpretation of the PTA statute, any PTO delay under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(1)(A) is deemed to overlap with any 3-year maximum pendency delay under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(1)(B), and so, as a practical effect, PTA may be awarded under §154(b)(1)(A) or §154(b)(1)(B), but not both.

However, on September 30, 2008, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia issued a decision finding that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office’s interpretation of the PTA statute is incorrect. *Wyeth v. Dudas*, Civ. Action No. 07-1492 (JR) (Sep. 30, 2008). The court determined that, under the correct interpretation of the PTA statute, periods of “overlap” are limited to “periods of time . . . [that] occur on the same day.” *Wyeth*, slip op. at 8. Thus, a PTO delay under §154(b)(1)(A) overlaps with a delay under §154(b)(1)(B) only if the delays “occur on the same day.” *Id.*

Applicants have recalculated PTA for the captioned application under the court’s interpretation of the PTA statute, and have determined that the patent is entitled to 1,027 days PTA, as shown on the attached sheet, which shows the relevant delays under 37 CFR §§1.702(a) and (b), and under 37 CFR §1.703(a) and (b).

The attached sheet details the circumstances during the prosecution of the application resulting in the patent that constitute a failure to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination of such application as set forth in § 1.704 .

(a) Total of non-overlapping PTO delay under §154(b)(1)(A) & (B): 1,117 days

(b) Total Applicant delay: 90 days

Final PTA Determination: 1,027 days

Applicants therefore respectfully request that the patent be accorded 1,027 days PTA.

The patent is not subject to a terminal disclaimer.

The requisite fee was previously paid along with the Request filed on August 31, 2009. While it is believed that no additional fees are due with this Renewed Petition, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this request, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment instructions in EFS-Web being incorrect or absent, resulting in a rejected or incorrect credit card transaction, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

However, because this PTA error is due to a Patent Office error in interpreting and applying the PTA statute, a refund of the fee is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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